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SUBJECT: TRAVEL PROBLEMS IN SHANGHAI

1. AFTER CONSULTATIONS IN PEKING AND DURING AUTHORIZED VISIT TO NANKING DECEMBER 13-15, CONGEN OFFICER SZYMANSKI WAS TOLD BY NANKING CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE OFFICIAL (MR. WANG) THAT HE AND HIS WIFE WOULD HAVE TO TRANSIT SHANGHAI SINCE THERE WERE NO DIRECT FLIGHTS FROM NANKING TO CANTON. THE OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT ONE CANNOT BUY PLANE TICKETS NOR MAKE RESERVATIONS FOR SHANGHAI TO CANTON FLIGHT IN NANKING AND THAT AN OVERNIGHT STAY IN SHANGHAI MIGHT BE NECESSARY, SINCE FLIGHTS ARE FREQUENTLY FULL. SZYMANSKI'S TRAVEL PERMIT, HOWEVER, DID NOT HAVE REQUIRED PERMISSION TO STOP IN SHANGHAI BUT TRAVEL SERVICE OFFICIAL SAID THIS WASN'T NEEDED SINCE SZYMANSKIS WERE JUST TRANSITING THE CITY.

2. SZYMANSKIS THEN TOOK WEDNESDAY 10:33 A.M. TRAIN TO SHANGHAI TO MAKE CONNECTIONS AFTER CHINA TRAVEL SERVICE TELEXED AHEAD THAT THEY WOULD BE ARRIVING AND REQUIRED PLANE TICKETS TO CANTON. NO NEGATIVE RESPONSE FROM SHANGHAI WAS RECEIVED AND NANKING SECURITY OFFICIAL ALLOWED SZYMANSKIS TO PROCEED TO SHANGHAI. HOWEVER, ON ARRIVING IN SHANGHAI, A PUBLIC
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SECURITY OFFICIAL WOULD NOT PERMIT ENTRY AND SAID IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT NANKING TRAVEL SERVICE OFFICIAL WOULD MAKE SUCH A MISTAKE. SZYMANSKI STATED ABOVE FACTS, REQUESTING THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE NEXT AVAILABLE FLIGHT TO CANTON, WHICH WAS THE FOLLOWING DAY. SECURITY OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THAT SZYMANSKIS TAKE THE TRAIN TO CANTON WHICH WAS TO

LEAVE THAT EVENING. SZYMANSKI RESPONDED THAT HIS WIFE WAS SUFFERING FROM A BAD CHEST COLD AND THE LONG TRAIN TRIP MIGHT BRING ON PNEUMONIA, ESPECIALLY IF THE TRAIN WAS NOT HEATED. SECURITY OFFICIAL GAVE PERMISSION FOR SZYMANSKIS TO STAY OVERNIGHT IN PEACE HOTEL BUT RESTRICTED THEM TO THE HOTEL. HE STATED THAT A "LESSON" SHOULD BE DRAWN FROM THIS INCIDENT. SYZMANSKI LEFT NEXT DAY FOR CANTON WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DIFFICULTY.

3. CONGEN OFFICER LATER LEARNED THAT A NON-CHINESE SPEAKING AUSTRALIAN IN NANKING WHO WAS TRAVELING THE SAME ROUTE ON THE SAME DAY WAS ALLOWED TO STAY OVER IN SHANGHAI WITHOUT INCIDENT.
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